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BLACKHAWK

sides with

GUNGHA, royal elephant
of **USLUSTAN!**





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Here's the Greatest **BILLFOLD BARGAIN** in all America!

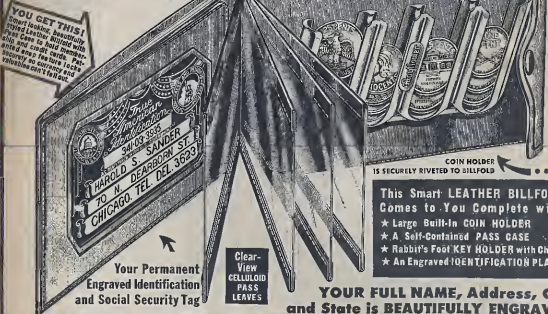
BIG VALUES in ONE

All for only
\$1.98

- ★ This Smart Leather Billfold and Pass Case
- ★ Handy, Built-In Coin Holder For Your Loose Change
- ★ Genuine Rabbit's Foot Key Holder With Flexible Gilt Chain
- ★ 3-Color Identification Plate

Beautifully Engraved with
Your Name, Address and
Social Security Number

YOU GET THIS!
Smart looking, beautifully
engraved leather billfold with
pass case to hold membership
cards and credit cards. Per-
manently engraved with your
name, address and Social Security
number. Values can't fall out.



Here's The BUILT-IN COIN HOLDER

COIN HOLDER
IS SECURELY RIVETED TO BILLFOLD

Your Permanent
Engraved Identification
and Social Security Tag

Clear-
View
CELLULOID
PASS
LEAVES

This Smart LEATHER BILLFOLD
Comes to You Complete with

- ★ Large Built-In COIN HOLDER
- ★ A Self-Contained PASS CASE
- ★ Rabbit's Foot KEY HOLDER with Chain
- ★ An Engraved IDENTIFICATION PLATE

**YOUR FULL NAME, Address, City
and State is BEAUTIFULLY ENGRAVED
on the 3-Color Social Security Plate!!**

DeLuxe
VALUE

Smart
STYLING

YOU GET THIS!
Genuine Rabbit's Foot Key
Holder with Flexible Gilt
Chain in addition to the
Handy Coin Holder which is
securely fastened to the
Billfold as pictured above.



YOU GET THIS!
A beautiful 3-color Em-
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which carries your full name,
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Number. A perfect identi-
fication record for you



NOTE: No C.O.D. Orders to Canada
ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART
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Here's something new in a billfold. Without a doubt the handiest and greatest Billfold Bargain that you'll be likely to see for a good many years to come. Designed by skilled Billfold craftsmen and made available to our customers at a price that's sensationally low for a billfold with so many unusual features. If you have shopped around you know that it is virtually impossible to get even an ordinary type billfold which holds just currency for less than \$2.00. Then take a good look at this new smart Leather Billfold and see all you get for only \$1.98. Besides the spacious compartment at the back which can be used for currency, checks, notes, etc., there's a beautiful plastic Coin Holder for your loose change built right into your billfold. Then there's a built-in Pass Case with 4 pockets each protected by celluloid to prevent the rubbing of your valuable membership and credit cards. We also send you a genuine Rabbit's Foot and attached Gilt Chain for your keys in addition to a specially designed 3-color Emergency Identification Plate, on which we engrave your Social Security Number, your name and your address. Man, here's a billfold for you. Available at Big Values in One. Everywhere you need, something can be equal to, right in your own hand. Your billfold is smart! Don't miss it! Invaluable! The perfect, smart, complete Billfold you've ever seen. At such a low price! In fact, after seeing some Billfolds you don't care but this is the most outstanding bargain you ever saw around. Bottom line and it'll still be fully yours for many years.

RUSH THIS COUPON for THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME BARGAIN!

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1227 Loyola Ave., Chicago 26, Ill.
Please hold me the "Smart Leather Pass Case Billfold" with Built-In Coin Holder, genuine Rabbit's Foot Key Holder and engraved 3-Color Social Security Plate. On arrival I will pay just only \$1.98 plus 5% Federal Tax and ten cent postage and C.O.D. charges. It is understood that if I am not completely satisfied and satisfied in every way I can return the billfold within 30 days for full refund.

MY FULL NAME _____ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
☐ To save shipping charges I am enclosing in advance \$1.98 plus 5% Federal Tax (total \$2.29). Please ship my Billfold only after postage charges prepaid.

SEND NO MONEY!
JUST MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY

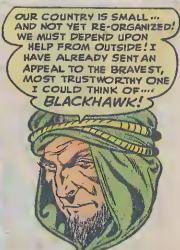
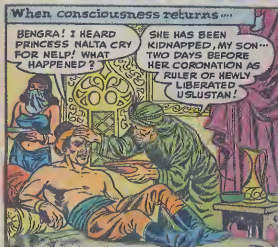
BLACKHAWK

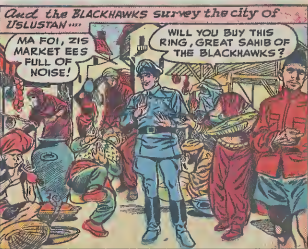
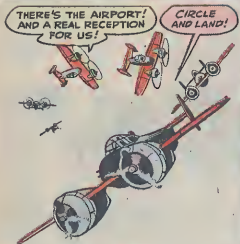
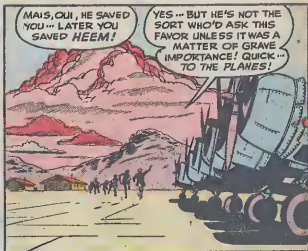


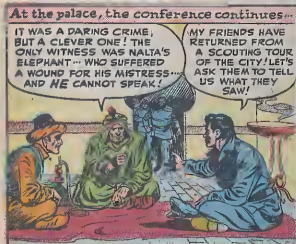
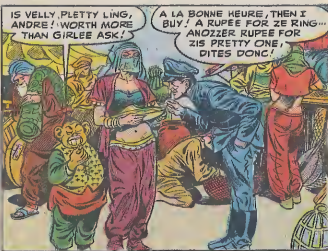
The ELEPHANT REMEMBERS!

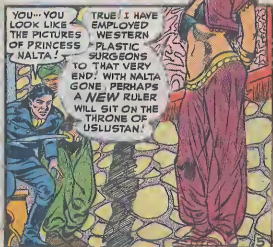
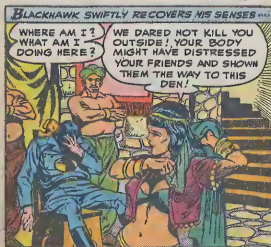
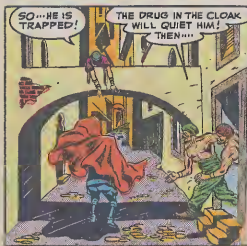
Many and strange have been those who have joined the **BLACKHAWKS** in the world-wide battle against outlawry and evil! But among the foremost of their friends and allies was the most loyal, wise and brave of beasts....

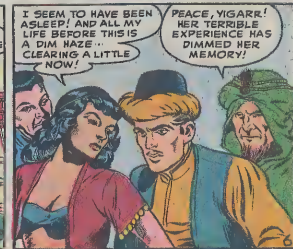
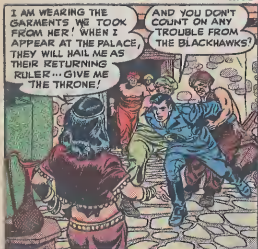
GUNGHA, the royal elephant of **USLUSTAN**!

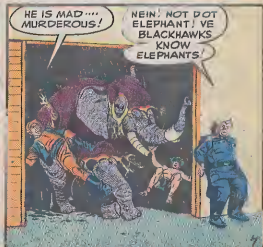
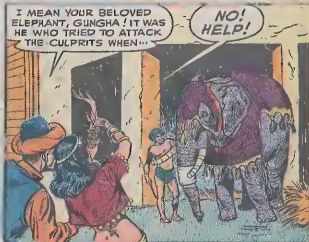
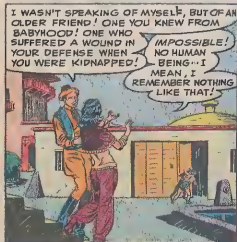


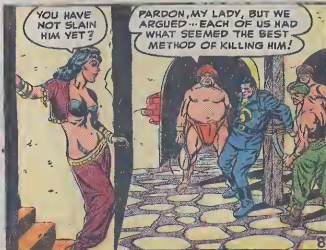
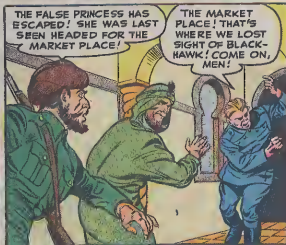


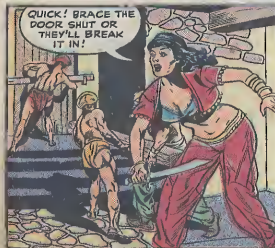
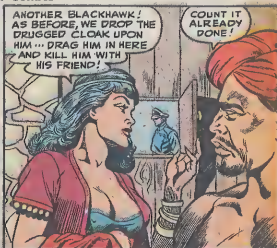


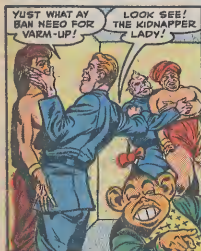
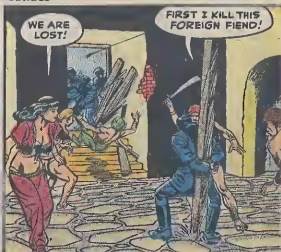
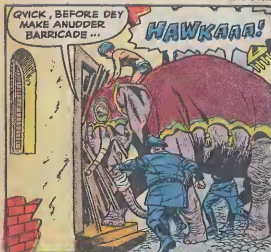


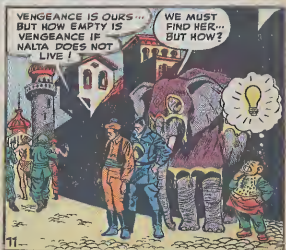
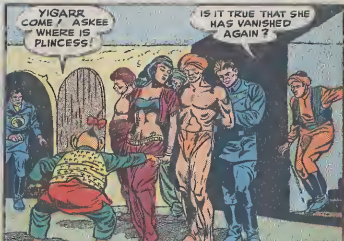
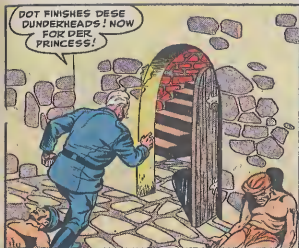


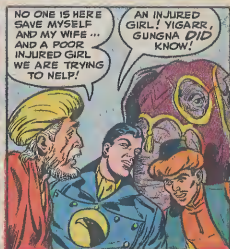
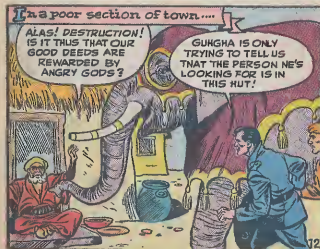
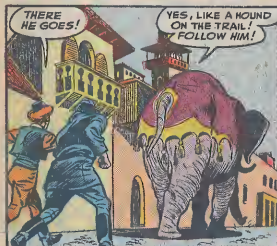
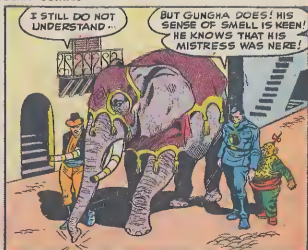
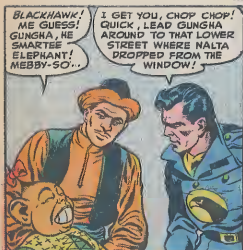




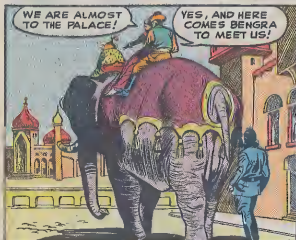
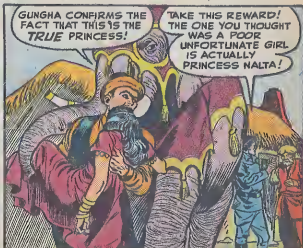


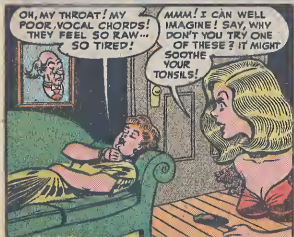
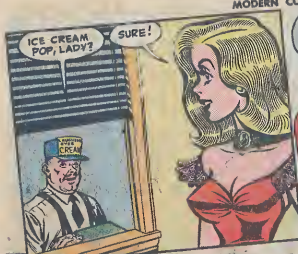


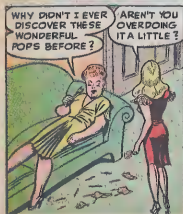
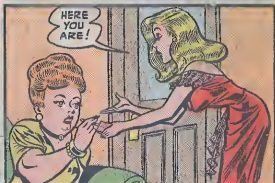
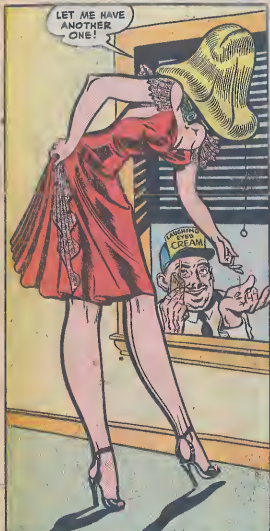


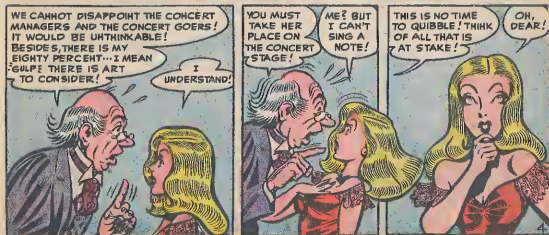
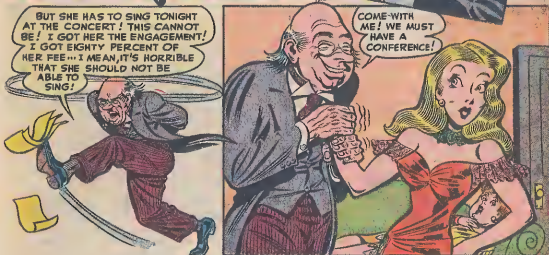
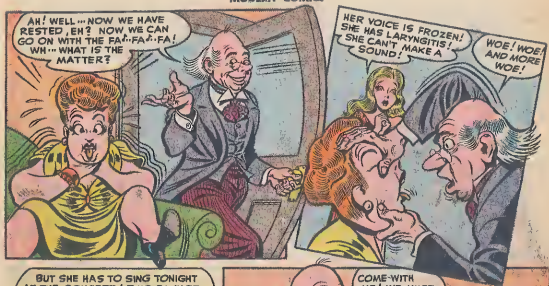


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Later...
BUT WHAT WILL I DO WHEN I GET OUT ON THE STAGE?



SING! IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW! I HAVE PERSUADED THE MANAGEMENT THAT I HAVE FOUND A SUBSTITUTE SINGER! THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REFUSE TO PAY US MERELY BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT LIKE YOUR VOICE!

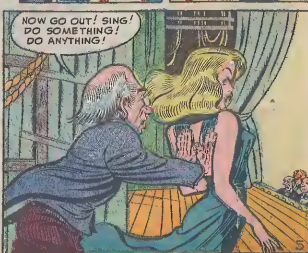


GET INTO THIS! QUICKLY! IT IS ALMOST TIME TO GO ON!



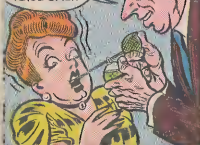
BUT IT DOESN'T FIT! IT'S MILES TOO BIG!

IT MUST FIT! COME OUT HERE! I WILL MAKE IT FIT!



And at the soprano's apartment...

THERE! THAT OUGHT TO BRING YOUR VOICE BACK!



OH, DOCTOR... IT HAS! I CAN TALK! I THINK I CAN EVEN SING! MI... MI... MI... YES, I CAN! OH, HOW FORTUNATE THAT I HAD THE DOORMAN CALL YOU! NOW I MUST HURRY TO THE CONCERT HALL!



I HOPE IT ISN'T TOO LATE!

MAESTRO! MAESTRO! MY VOICE IS BACK! I CAN SING!

WHAT? 8-BUT YOU CAN'T! I'VE ALREADY...



OH! GENEVIEVE... SWEET GENEVIEVE... ♪ ♪

SO! I SEE IT ALL NOW! IT WAS A PLOT! SHE DELIBERATELY FORCED THE ICE CREAM POPS ON ME SO I WOULD LOSE MY VOICE AND SHE COULD TAKE MY PLACE! I'LL KILL HER!



OFF THE STAGE, YOU FIEND, YOU THIEF, YOU VIPER!

YAWP! HEY, LOOK OUT! THE DRESS... IT'S JUST PINNED ON... IT'S FALLING OFF!



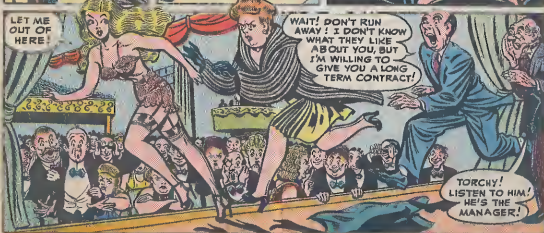
SHE'S WONDERFUL! DIVINE!

BUT SHE CAN'T SING A NOTE!

SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SING!



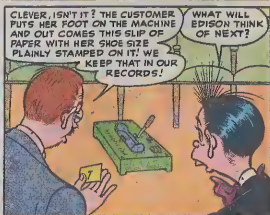
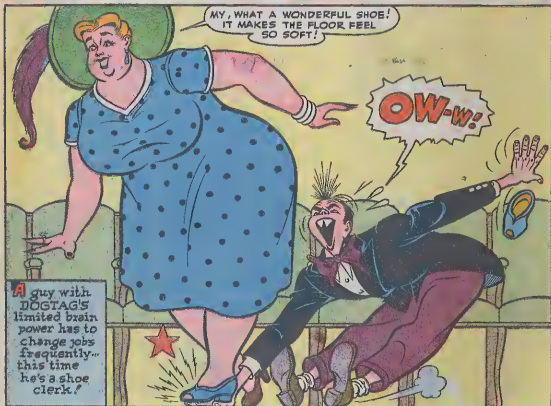
LET ME OUT OF HERE!

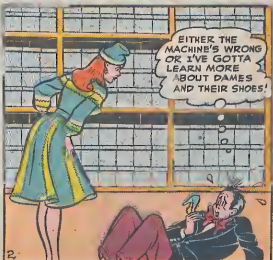
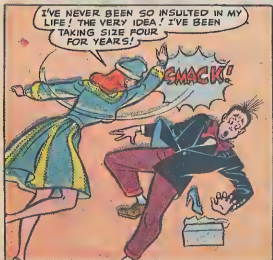
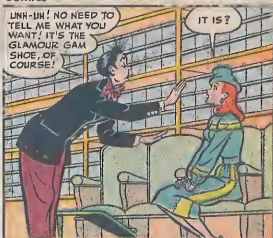
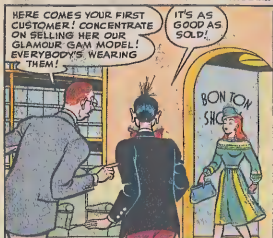


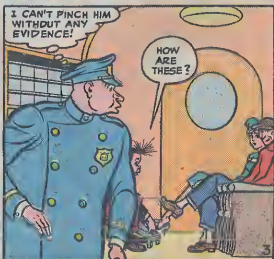
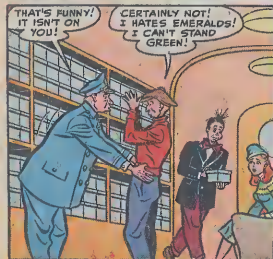
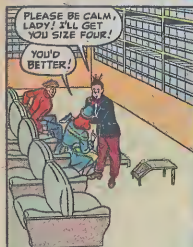
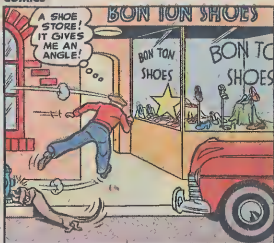
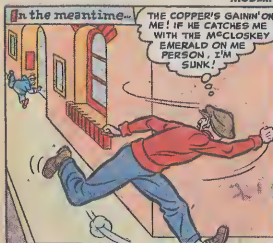
WAIT! DON'T RUN AWAY! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY LIKE ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M WILLING TO GIVE YOU A LONG TERM CONTRACT!

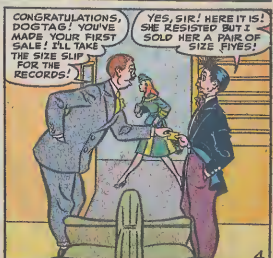
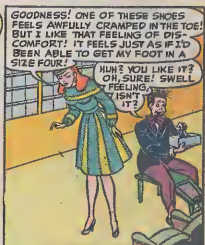
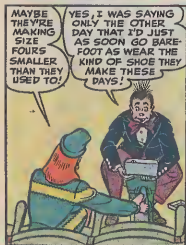
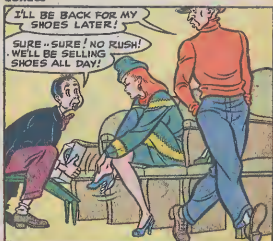
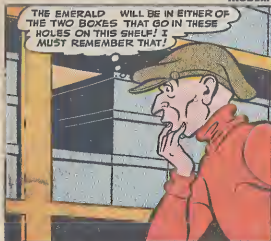
TORCHY! LISTEN TO HIM! HE'S THE MANAGER!

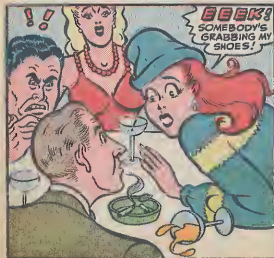
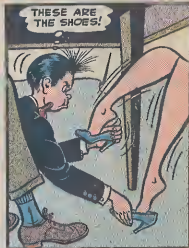
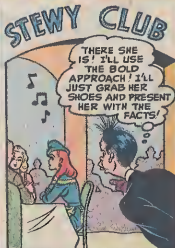
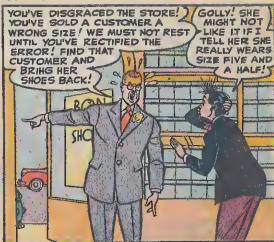
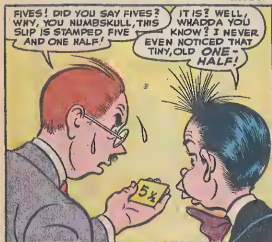
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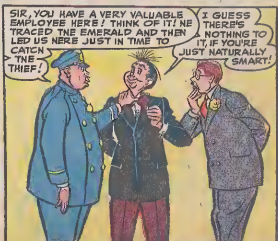
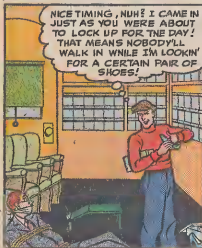
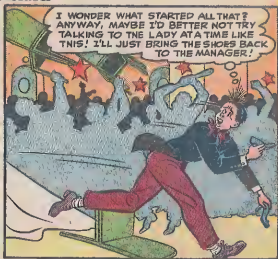
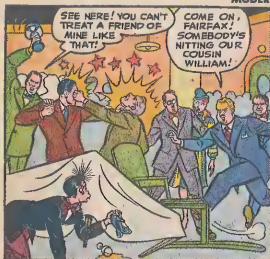












EZRA

WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING FOR, DEAN? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFRAID OF A BABY CALF!

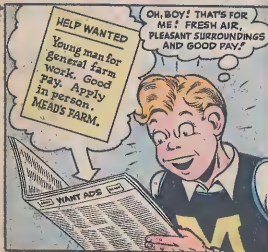
OH, YEAH? THAT CALF SURE GREW FAST! HAPPY LANDINGS, EZRA!



HELP WANTED

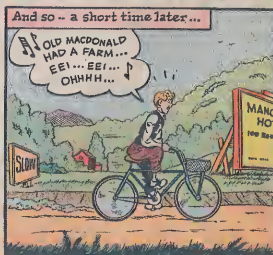
Young man for general farm work. Good pay. Good person. MEAD'S FARM.

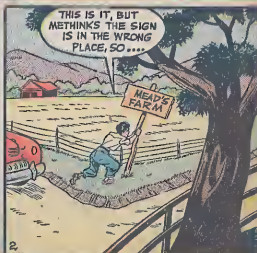
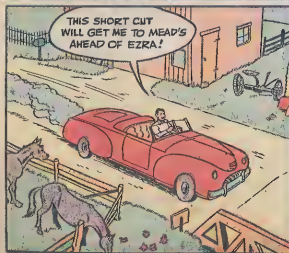
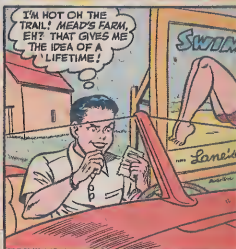
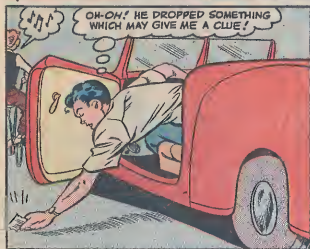
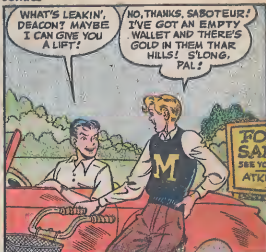
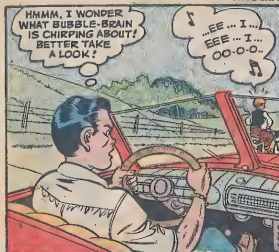
OH, BOY! THAT'S FOR ME! FRESH AIR, PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS AND GOOD PAY!



And so -- a short time later ...

OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM...
EEI... EEI...
OH HHH...





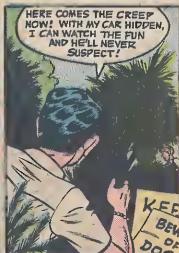
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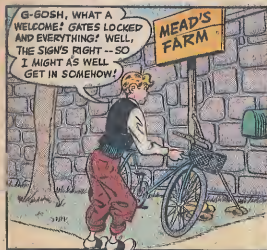
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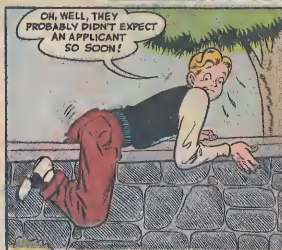
THERE, THAT DOES IT! NOW TO GET RID OF THESE SCARE SIGNS WHICH EZRA DOESN'T BELIEVE IN, ANYWAY!



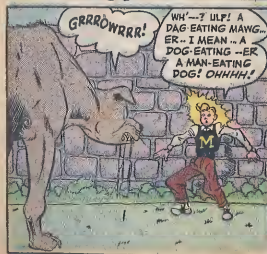
HERE COMES THE CREEP NOW! WITH MY CAR HIDDEN, I CAN WATCH THE FUN AND HE'LL NEVER SUSPECT!



G-GOSH, WHAT A WELCOME! GATES LOCKED AND EVERYTHING! WELL, THE SIGN'S RIGHT--SO I MIGHT AS WELL GET IN SOMEHOW!

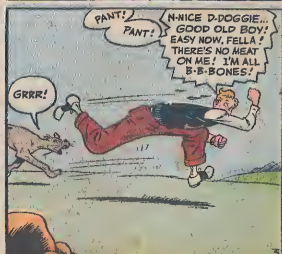


OH, WELL, THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T EXPECT AN APPLICANT SO SOON!



GRRROWRRR!

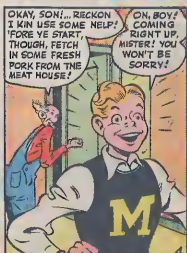
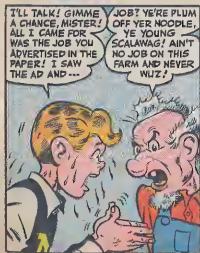
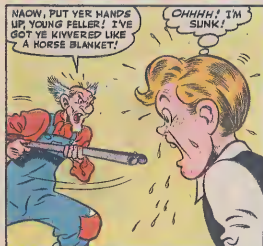
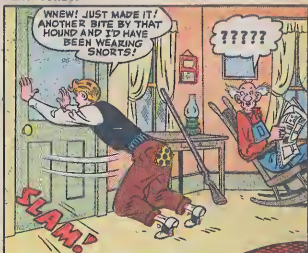
WH'--? ULP! A DAG-EATING MAW... ER-- I MEAN-- A DOG-EATING --ER A MAN-EATING DOG! OHHHH!



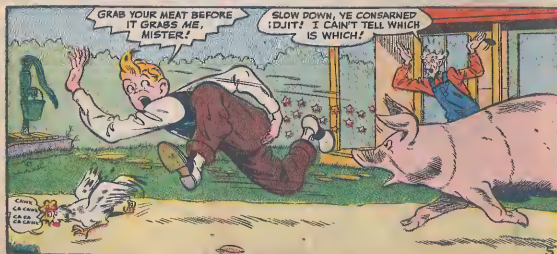
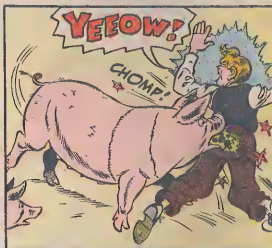
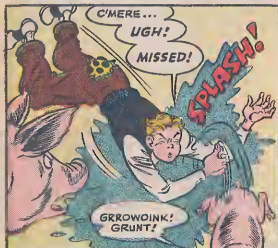
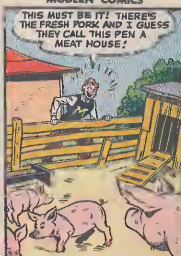
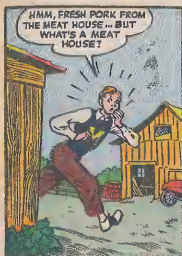
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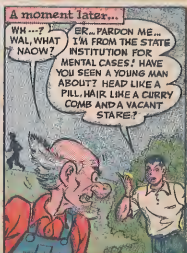
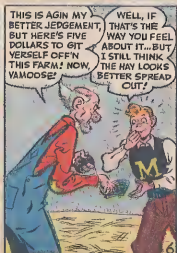
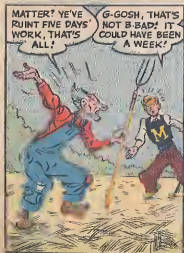
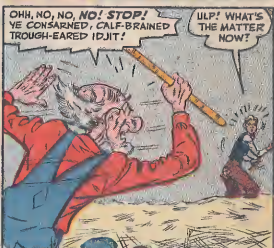
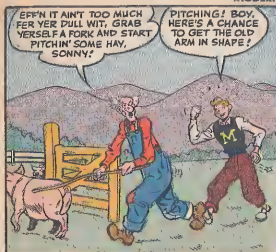
N-NICE D-DOGGIE... GOOD OLD BOY! EASY NOW, FELLA! THERE'S NO MEAT ON ME! I'M ALL B-B-BONES!

GRRR!

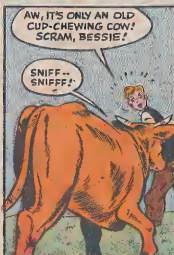
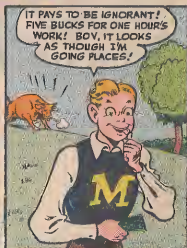
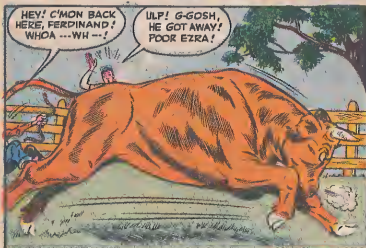
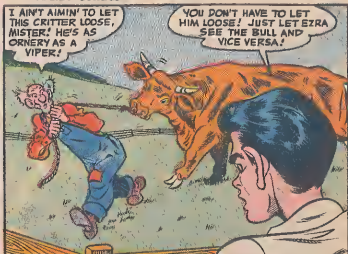
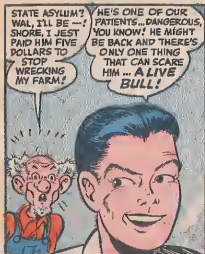


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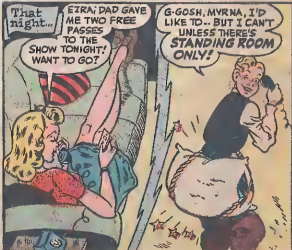
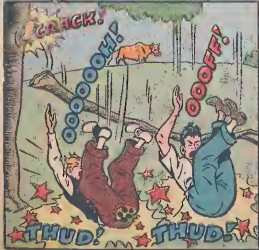
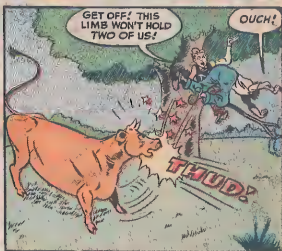




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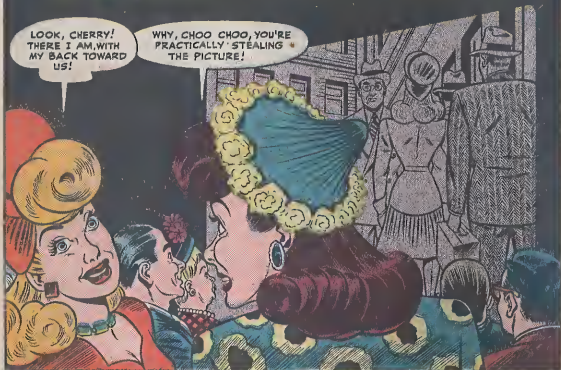
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CHOO CHOO

LOOK, CHERRY!
THERE I AM, WITH
MY BACK TOWARD
US!

WHY, CHOO CHOO, YOU'RE
PRACTICALLY STEALING
THE PICTURE!



GOSH! EVERY BIG SHOT IN
HOLLYWOOD IS COMING TO
THAT PREMIERE! IF THERE
WERE ONLY SOME WAY I
COULD GET INTO THE THEATRE,
SOME PRODUCER OR
DIRECTOR MIGHT
NOTICE ME!



WHAT A BREAK!
AN USHER'S JOB!
THAT'S THE WAY
I'LL GET IN!



ALL RIGHT, YOU HAVE YOUR
INSTRUCTIONS... AND REMEMBER,
TOMORROW NIGHT'S THE MOST
IMPORTANT NIGHT THIS
THEATER'S EVER HAD!
YOU MUSN'T MAKE ANY
MISTAKES!



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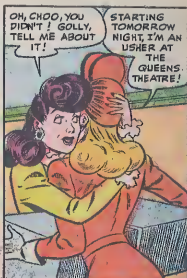
HERE'S YOUR UNIFORM!
I'M DEPENDING ON YOU
FOR THE
PREMIERE
TOMORROW
NIGHT!

-YES, SIR!
THANK YOU,
SIR! I'LL
BE HERE!



WELL, WHAT
GREAT STRIDES
TOWARD
STARDOM
DID YOU MAKE
TODAY,
PUSE?

OH, STOP KIDDING
ME, CHERRY! AS
A MATTER OF
FACT, I WENT
OUT AND GOT
AN EVERYDAY,
DOWN-TO-EARTH
SORT OF JOB!



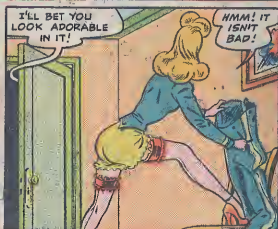
OH, CHOO, YOU
DIDN'T! GOLLY,
TELL ME ABOUT
IT!

STARTING
TOMORROW
NIGHT, I'M AN
USHER AT
THE
QUEENS
THEATRE!



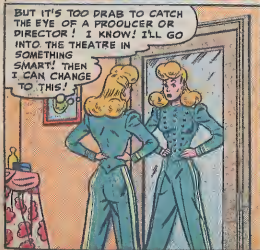
THAT'S WONDERFUL! IT
MEANS A PAY ENVELOPE
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
AND WE CAN KEEP UP
WITH THE GAS BILLS AND
PAY THE MILKMAN AND...

YES! YES! I KNOW,
CHERRY! NOW HOW
ABOUT SCARING UP
SOME LUNCH WHILE
I TRY ON MY
UNIFORM?

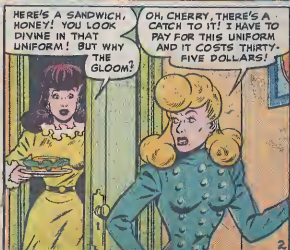


I'LL BET YOU
LOOK ADORABLE
IN IT!

HMM! IT
ISN'T
BAD!

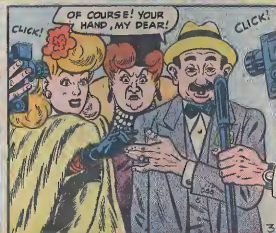
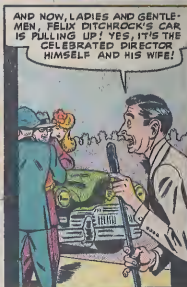
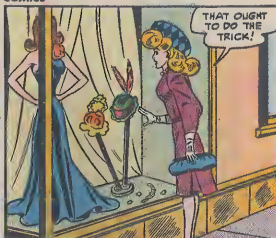
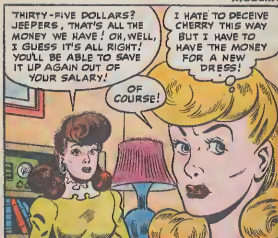


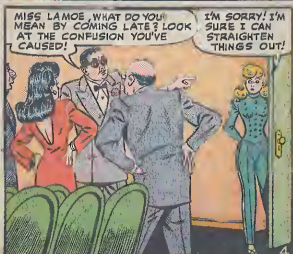
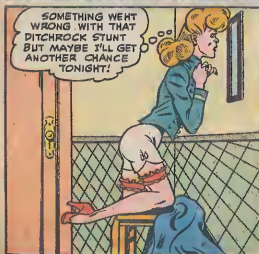
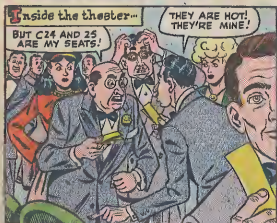
BUT IT'S TOO DRAB TO CATCH
THE EYE OF A PRODUCER OR
DIRECTOR! I KNOW! I'LL GO
INTO THE THEATRE IN
SOMETHING
SMART! THEN
I CAN CHANGE
TO THIS!

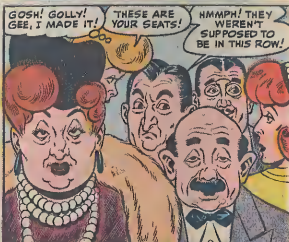
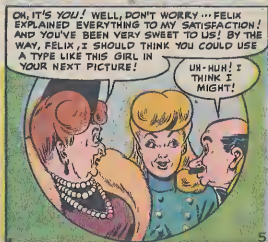
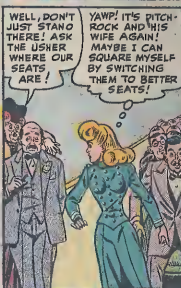
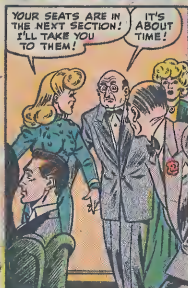


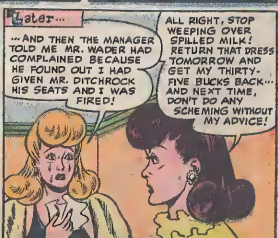
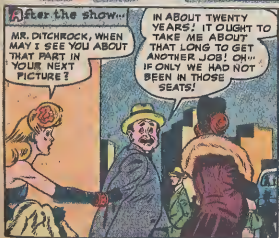
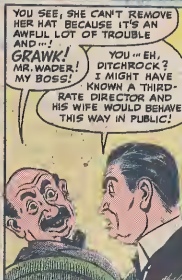
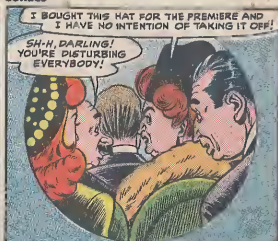
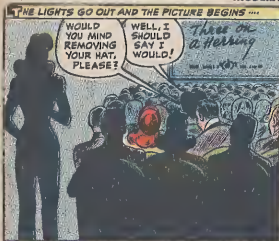
HERE'S A SANDWICH,
HONEY! YOU LOOK
DIVINE IN THAT
UNIFORM! BUT WHY
THE
GLOOM?

OH, CHERRY, THERE'S A
CATCH TO IT! I HAVE TO
PAY FOR THIS UNIFORM
AND IT COSTS THIRTY-
FIVE DOLLARS!









EVERGLADE JUSTICE

CAJUN JOE, one-eyed and the terror of the Everglades, swung in again with flailing fists. The smaller man ducked and reeled, staggered.

"I keel yuh, Basteau," grunted Cajun Joe as he bored in at a crouch. Basteau backed away. It was all he could do to try and avoid Joe's mad rushes, his hammering fists.

Basteau saw the end coming. But he did not want to die. "I tell yuh, Joe, me I did not touch yer traps. No, it was someone else, yes." He was panting.

"Haw!" scoffed Joe. "Eet ees not enough yuh steal the furs, yuh lie, yes!" His big fist shot out catching Basteau on the button. The small man toppled like a felled tree. His head had cracked against a cypress root. He lay very still.

Cajun Joe squinted his one red eye and then he dropped to his knees and felt for a heartbeat in Basteau's chest. There was none.

"Ho," muttered Joe. "I keeled heem. Thass bad, yes."

Joe caught Basteau by the ankles and dragged him to the edge of the deep swamp. With a heave he dumped Basteau's body into the greenish water. He stood a moment on the bank. Twenty feet away an ngly snout broke water and a big 'gator swam fast toward the disturbance.

Joe grinned. No one would ever find Basteau's body. Not after that 'gator finished with him. He turned as the amphibian snatched the body and disappeared beneath the scummy water. Somewhere down there under a shelving bank the old 'gator had his cave. He'd dine sumptuously on Basteau's body. There'd be no tell-tale remains. No.

Cajun Joe looked around. The fight had taken place a good ten miles from the nearest village. The swamps were one vast wilderness. No one had heard or seen the battle. Joe was safe.

The big Cajun strode off through the moss-

festooned cypress trees and was soon lost to view.

Mrs. Basteau sat on the steps of her cabin waiting for her husband. He had been gone overlong. His trapline was not great; he should have been home two hours ago. What was keeping him?

The woman got up and began walking back and forth in the little yard before her cabin. Where was Henri? Henri never stayed so long before. Something had happened to him!

She waited another hour, then put on her bonnet and shawl. It was four miles to the village, but it would take her only a few minutes in the pirogue—made of a hollowed-out log. She shoved it into the water, climbed in and began wielding the pole. Swiftly she sped through the water. Sheriff Neil must be told about Henri's absence.

Sheriff Neil heard Mrs. Basteau out, then scratched his stubby jaw. "Could be he got tied up with a catamount, mebhe," he hazarded. "Happens sometimes."

Mrs. Basteau shook her head. "But I know it is not that," she said. "No, I feel it here." She touched her breast. "Something has happened to Henri." She began crying.

"Now you mustn't take on like that there," said the sheriff in a kindly tone. "You jist keep yer chin up. I'll take some o' th' boys an' we'll hunt fer Henri."

Mrs. Basteau nodded, got up and headed for her pirogue. "Hurry," she said, then she got in and poled away up-stream.

Sheriff Neil spat twice, then whistled to his deputy. "Round up Hag and Nate and Kells," he ordered. "Old Hank's lost. Gotta find him."

Cajun Joe whistled as he strode from trap to trap. He soon cleaned up his line. Then he halted. What was to stop him from adding to his own catch? Henri Basteau was gone now. Joe turned into the deeper jungle. Basteau's line was three miles distant from his own. He

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found a few good pelts, and was in the act of going about his way when he heard men threshing through the underbrush.

Joe ducked into a thick clump of briars and squatted down to wait. Soon he saw the sheriff and three men going westward. They were looking in every direction, and occasionally they'd call out Henri Basteau's name.

Joe grinned. Henri would never answer. No.

When the law had gone, Joe got up and went on his way. He had nothing to fear, had he?

In his cabin that evening Joe gloated over his good luck—his extra catch of skins. Basteau's trapline was a good one; better than Joe's. Well, it was his—Joe's—now. It was a profitable day. Yes.

Kells, one of the sheriff's possemen, had brought his dog along. It was a mongrel, an off-breed, but it knew the 'Glades thoroughly. It loped ahead of the men, sniffing at everything. It made no sound.

They had gone several miles when they came into a small glade near a deep portion of the swamp. Here the dog went into a frenzy of sniffing and whining. It began digging rapidly in the sod.

"What fo' that 'there dawg do that way?" one of the men demanded.

Kells grinned. "Prob'ly smell a possum."

The dog scratched and hurled bits of grass and sod every which way. The men stood and watched it. Sheriff Neil was tired. Wherever Basteau was, he was not making any sound.

"Looky!" cried Kells, running to where his dog had suddenly disappeared from sight. A hole in the sod showed where the dog had gone.

"'Gator cave, most like," said the sheriff. "We'd better get that dawg outa there, er he will get et."

They quickly enlarged the hole and Kells dropped into it, carrying a lantern. They heard him let out a yelp. He lifted the dog out and shouted, "He's down here—Basteau! 'Gator must've got him. Wait."

After much tugging and grunting, Kells got Basteau's body on the surface. They examined it in the lanternlight. The man's jaw was broken, his eyes blackened, his nose bloody.

"No 'gator did that," opined the sheriff. "Henri's been a-fightin'. Never knew Hank to fight."

"They's only one feller who hated pore old Henri," observed one of the men. "Cajun Joe. All the time Joe blames Henri fer stealin' his pelts. Henri never done stole nothin', but Joe alllas tries to pick a fight so's he can get holt o' Henri's line."

The sheriff nodded sagely. He knew about the feud—all one-sided. Yes, this must be the work of Cajun Joe.

"Come on, boys," he said. "Let's go see Joe."

Kells pried Basteau's tightly closed hand open and held out a large leather-covered button.

"Cajun Joe's," he said. "He's got the on'y coat with them kind o' buttons in the 'Glades."

"Come on," said the sheriff. They headed into the trees, leaving Basteau's body where it was.

Cajun Joe was uneasy. He tried sleeping, but sleep wouldn't come. He got up and stretched. The moon was bright. He liked moonlight. Maybe he could induce sleep by a stroll. He headed toward the swamp. He walked several miles, listening to the night sounds.

Then he was suddenly in a little clearing. It was where he and Basteau had fought. Joe strode forward. And abruptly his body shot downward and he cut loose with a terrific yell. The sheriff and his men heard it just as they were entering Joe's cabin. They knew it was Joe. They turned about and started toward the sound.

"Sometimes a murderer goes back to the scene of his crime," said the sheriff, who had read that.

Cajun Joe was nowhere about when they reached the moonlit clearing. But they found the fresh cave-in at the hole. The picture was plain. Joe had fallen through the hole. He must still be down there. Kells took the lantern and lowered it. He nodded.

"No use goin' down fer him," he said. "That ole 'gator done finished him. Gosh, funny how things happen sometimes."

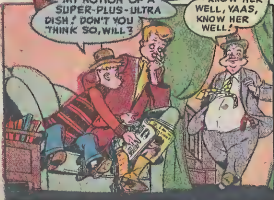
AH, YES ... A PICTURE
OF THE ONLY ONE
I'VE EVER LOVED!



Will Bragg

I MEAN IT, MISS EFFY...
THIS VANNA LYTHER IS
MY NOTION OF A
SUPER-PLUS-ULTRA
DISH! DON'T YOU
THINK SO, WILL?

VANNA
LYTHER, FORE-
MOST LOVELY
OF HOLLY-
WOOD! I
KNOW HER
WELL, YAAS,
KNOW HER
WELL!



INDEED, YEEES! 'T WAS MY
UNTIRING INTEREST AND
BRILLIANT COACHING THAT
FIRST WON HER RECOGNITION
IN THE THEATER! SHE'S
ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO
ME, AND RIGHTLY
SO!

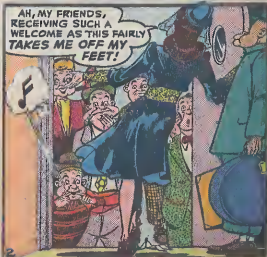
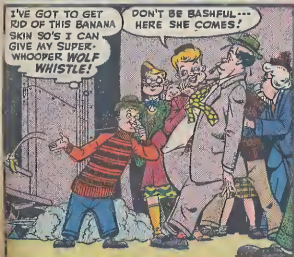
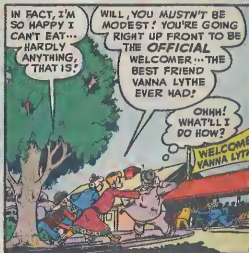
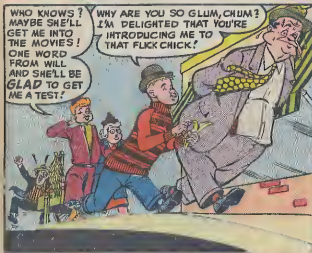
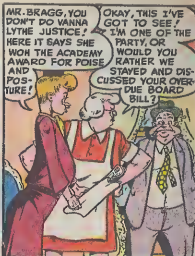
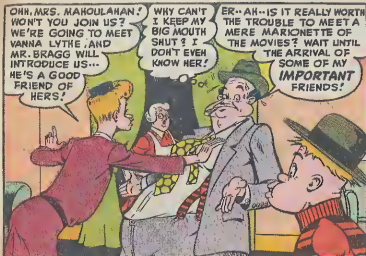
OHhhh!
HEE-HEE-HEE!
YOU CAN GET
HER TO SIGN
MY AUTOGRAPH
ALBUM THEN,
CAN'T YOU?

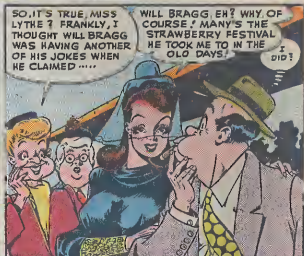
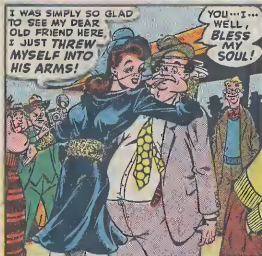


NOTHING
SIMPLER,
EFFY...
IF SHE
WERE
ONLY IN
TOWN!
WHAT,
GULLY?

SHE'LL BE
HERE ...
DUE ON
THE MOON
EXPRESS
FOR HER
PERSONAL
APPEARANCE
HERE! C'MON,
WE'LL ALL
GO MEET
HER!







REALLY, I DIDN'T
THINK THEY WERE
THAT GOOD FRIENDS!

UMP!

EXCUSE ME,
MISS LYTHE!
I OUGHTA BE
SHOT IN BOTH
EARS FOR
LEAVING THAT
BAHANA PEEL
FOR YOU TO
SLIP ON!

I MUSTN'T LET
THAT NOTION
GET OUT... AFTER
I WAS NAMED
THE MOST
GRACEFUL
ACTRESS IN
HOLLYWOOD!

SLIP, MY
BOY? WHAT DO
YOU MEAN
SLIP?

I WAS SIMPLY SO GLAD
TO SEE MY DEAR
OLD FRIEND HERE.
I JUST THREW
MYSELF INTO
HIS ARMS!

YOU... I...
WELL,
BLESS
MY
SOUL!

SO, IT'S TRUE, MISS
LYTHE? FRANKLY, I
THOUGHT WILL BRAGG
WAS HAVING ANOTHER
OF HIS JOSES WHEN
HE CLAIMED

WILL BRAGG, EH? WHY, OF
COURSE! MANY'S THE
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
HE TOOK ME TO IN THE
OLD DAYS!

I
DID!

MISS LYTHE, SINCE YOU
AND WILL ARE SUCH
OLD FRIENDS, PLEASE
MAKE MY BOARDING
HOUSE YOUR
HEADQUARTERS
DURING YOUR
STAY!

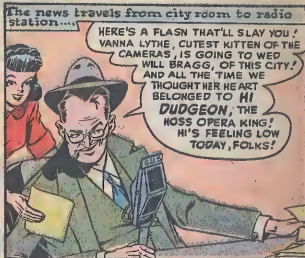
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL,
SHE SAID! WILL BRAGG
NEVER EVEN BOUGHT
ME A DISH OF
PRUKES!

THE CAR'S
ALL READY
TO TAKE YOU...
TO MRS.
MAHOULAHAN'S,
IS IT?

WHAT STATEMENT WILL MISS
LYTHE MAKE? YOU SAY
YOU'RE OVERJOYED TO
MEET YOUR LOST
SWEETHEART,
WILL BRAGG!



IT'S A FACT, CHIEF! THAT CELLULOID SIREN IS DEFINITELY **THAT WAY** ABOUT WILL BRAGG! BETTER GO EXTRA ON IT!



The news travels from city room to radio station....

HERE'S A FLASH THAT'LL SLAY YOU! VANNA LYTHE, CUTEST KITTEN OF THE CAMERAS, IS GOING TO WED WILL BRAGG, OF THIS CITY! AND ALL THE TIME WE THOUGHT HER HEART BELONGED TO **HI DUDGEON**, THE HOSS OPERA KING! HI'S FEELING LOW TODAY, FOLKS!

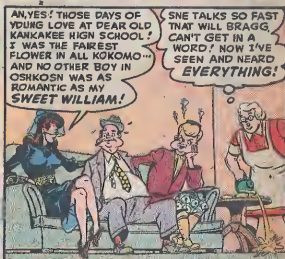


"...and the story carries clear to Hollywood and the home of cowboy star Hi Dudgeon..."

SOMETHING IS WRONG, MR. DUDGEON?

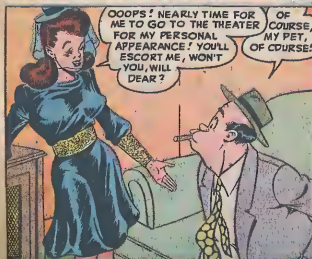
PLENTY! AND I'M GOING TO **RIGHT IT!** CHARTER A SPECIAL PLANE AND LAY OUT MY MEANEST SET O' SIX-SHOOTERS!

CLICK!



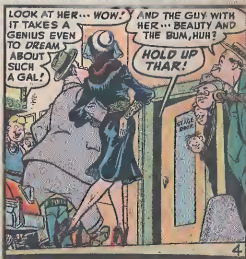
ANY, YES! THOSE DAYS OF YOUNG LOVE AT DEAR OLD KANKAKEE HIGH SCHOOL! I WAS THE FAIREST FLOWER IN ALL KOKOMO... AND NO OTHER BOY IN OSHKOSH WAS AS ROMANTIC AS MY **SWEET WILLIAM!**

SHE TALKS SO FAST THAT WILL BRAGG, CAN'T GET IN A WORD! NOW I'VE SEEN AND HEARD **EVERYTHING!**



OOOPS! NEARLY TIME FOR ME TO GO TO THE THEATER FOR MY PERSONAL APPEARANCE! YOU'LL ESCORT ME, WON'T YOU, WILL DEAR?

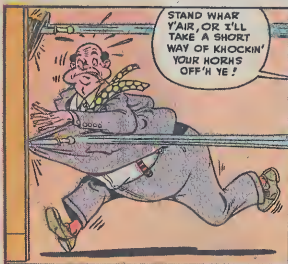
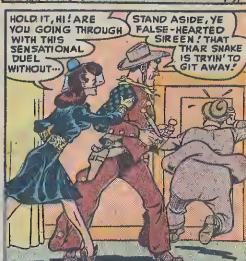
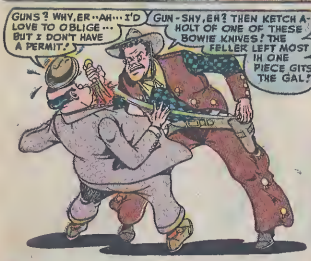
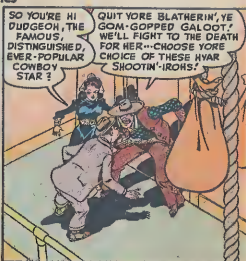
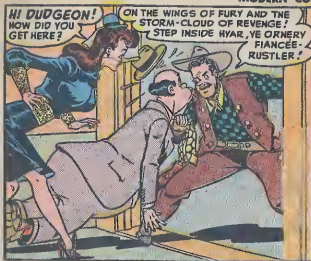
OF COURSE, MY PET, OF COURSE!

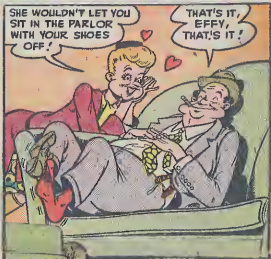
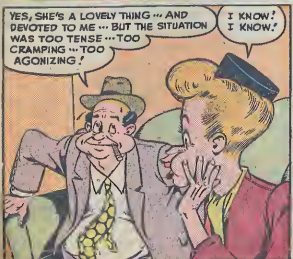
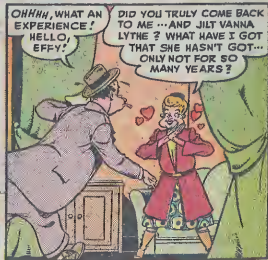
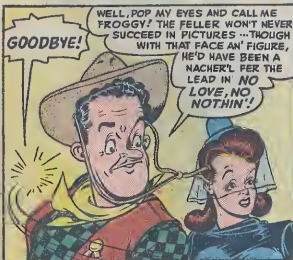
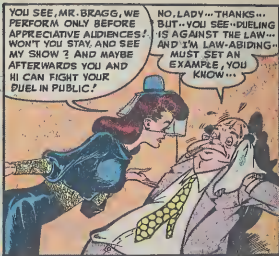
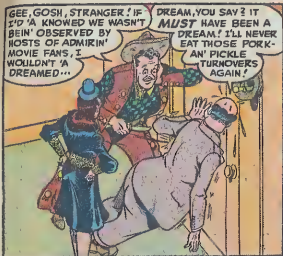


LOOK AT HER... WOW! IT TAKES A GENIUS EVEN TO DREAM ABOUT SUCH A GAL!

AND THE GUY WITH HER... BEAUTY AND THE BUM, HUH?

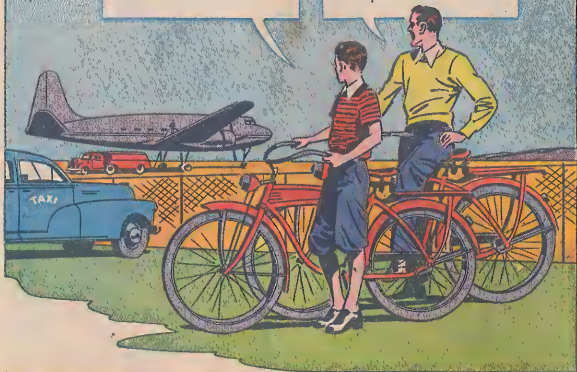
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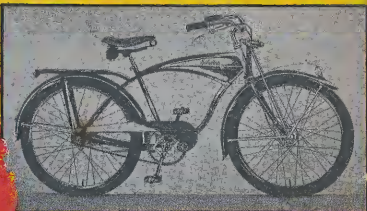
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